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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YOR	LK		
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION		21 MC 100 (AKH)	
JOHN PETERSEN AND VERONICA PETERS	ON	DOCKET NO.	
Pla	intiffs,	CHECK-OFF ("SHE COMPLAINT RELATED TO THE	
- against -		MASTER COMPLA	AINT
A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,		PLAINTIFF(S) DEN JURY	MAND A TRIAL BY
SEE ATTACHED RIDER,			
Def	endants.		
By Order of the Honorable Alv 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master C			_
	NOTICE OF	ADOPTION	
All headings and paragraphs in instant Plaintiff(s) as if fully set forth h			

All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaint are applicable to and are adopted by the instant Plaintiff(s) as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual Plaintiff(s), which are listed below. These are marked with an "\sum" if applicable to the instant Plaintiff(s), and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below.

Plaintiffs, JOHN PETERSEN AND VERONICA PETERSON, by his/her/their attorneys WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP, complaining of Defendant(s), respectfully allege:

## I. PARTIES

#### A. PLAINTIFF(S)

2.  Alternatively, is the of Decedent	citizen of	New York residing at 469 Br	righton Street, Staten Islan	nd, NY 10307-1709.	
• ,			(OR)		
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, and brings this claim in his (her) capacity as of the Estate of		, and brings this claim	n in his (her) capacity as of	of the Estate of	

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3. York residing to the Injured	at 469 Brighton Street, Staten Island, N Plaintiff:  ✓ SPOUSE at all relevant times h JOHN PETERSEN, and bring injuries sustained by her husba	inafter the "Derivative Plaintiff"), is a citizen of New IY 10307-1709, and has the following relationship herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff s this derivative action for her (his) loss due to the nd (his wife), Plaintiff JOHN PETERSEN.  Other:
4. New York (Fl	In the period from 9/11/2001 to 4/30/2 DNY) as a Firefighter at:	2002 the Injured Plaintiff worked for Fire Department
F	Please be as specific as possible when fi	lling in the following dates and locations
Location(s) (i.	Trade Center Site  e., building, quadrant, etc.)  out 9/11/2001 until 4/30/2002;  y 12 hours per day; for	The Barge  From on or about; Approximatelyhours per day; for Approximately days total.
	y <u>60</u> days total.	☐ Other:* For injured plaintiffs who worked at
From on or ab Approximatel	York City Medical Examiner's Office bout until, y hours per day; for y days total.	Non-WTC Site building or location. The injured plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the total days, and for the employer, as specified below:
Approximatel Approximatel	y nours per day; for y days total.	From on or about until; Approximately hours per day; for Approximately days total; Name and Address of Non-WTC Site Building/Worksite:
		aper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify ate sheet of paper with the information.
5.	Injured Plaintiff	
	Was exposed to and breathed rabove;	noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated
	Was exposed to and inhaled or dates at the site(s) indicated above;	ingested toxic substances and particulates on all
	Was exposed to and absorbed the site(s) indicated above;	or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates at
	Other: Not yet determined.	
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6.

<ul> <li>U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.</li> <li>Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.</li> <li>Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdraw by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.</li> <li>Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to §</li> </ul>	Injured	l Plaintiff
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### B. DEFENDANT(S)

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

☑ THE CITY OF NEW YORK	☑ A RUSSO WRECKING
☐ A Notice of Claim was timely filed and	☑ ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
served on and	☑ ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-	☑ AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,
	INC.
h the CITY held a hearing on(OR)	☑ AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
☐ The City has yet to hold a hearing as	☑ ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED
required by General Municipal Law §50-h	HAULING, LLC, INC.
☐ More than thirty days have passed and	☑ ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
the City has not adjusted the claim	☑ BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL
(OR)	CORPORATION
☑ An Order to Show Cause application to	☑ BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of	☑ BECHTEL CORPORATION
Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant	☑ BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim	☑ BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS,
Nunc Pro Tunc (for leave to file a late Notice of	INC.
Claim <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> ) has been filed and a	☑ BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION
determination	CORP
☑ is pending	☐ BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
Granting petition was made on	☑ BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
Denying petition was made on	☑ BREEZE CARTING CORP
	☑ BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
☐ PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND	ightharpoons BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]	☑ BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
☐ A Notice of Claim was filed and served	<u>P.</u> C.
pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The	☑ C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New	☑ CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
York on	☐ CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF
☐ More than sixty days have elapsed since	NEW YORK, INC.
the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)	☑ CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
the PORT AUTHORITY has	$\square$ CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
adjusted this claim	☑ DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
the PORT AUTHORITY has not	☑ DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
adjusted this claim.	☑ DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
	☑ DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
□ 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☑ DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
☐ 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS
☐ 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	CORP
□ 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	✓ EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
☐ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	✓ EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC.
□ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC □ 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☐ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC.
☐ 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☑ EJ DAVIES, INC. ☑ EN-TECH CORP
	☐ ET ENVIRONMENTAL
5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	l —
☐ 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.	□EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL

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☐ Non-WTC Site Building Owner	☐ Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent
Name:	Name:
Business/Service Address:	Business/Service Address:
Building/Worksite Address:	Building/Worksite Address:
□ Non-WTC Site Lessee	-
Name:	
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	

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The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

Stabil	Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically; \( \tilde{\pi} \); Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001, (or); \( \tilde{\pi} \) Federal Officers Jurisdiction, (or); \( \tilde{\pi} \) Other (specify): \( \tilde{\pi} \); \( \tilde{\pi} \) Contested, but the Court has already determined that it has removal jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. \( \S \) 1441.  III CAUSES OF ACTION		
Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law:			
<b>V</b>	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	<b>V</b>	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation
	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		<ul> <li>✓ Air Quality;</li> <li>✓ Effectiveness of Mask Provided;</li> <li>☐ Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided</li> </ul>
<b>V</b>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify:);  ☑ Other(specify): Not yet determined
	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e		Wrongful Death
		V	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff

Other: \_

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1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

	Cancer Injury: N/A.  Date of onset:  Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:			Cardiovascular Injury: N/A.  Date of onset:  Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
<b>V</b>	Respiratory Injury: Cough; Emphysema; Shortness of Breath; Sinus Problems; Wheezing Date of onset: 1/26/2007 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date		<b>V</b>	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: 1/26/2007 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date
	Digestive Injury: N/A.  Date of onset:  Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:		V	Other Injury: Sleeping Problems Date of onset: 1/26/2007 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date
NOTE: The foregoing is NOT an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.  2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:				

dama	damages:		
	Pain and suffering		
V	Loss of the enjoyment of life		
<b>√</b>	Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity		
V	Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits		
<b>√</b>	Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation		
<b>V</b>	Other:		

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✓ Mental anguish✓ Disability

☑ Medical monitoring

☑ Other: Not yet determined.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

Plaintiff(s) demands that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.

Dated: New York, New York June 30, 2008

Yours, etc.,

Worby, Groner Edelman & Napoli Bern, LLP

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## ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action. That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the file.

DATED: New York, New York
June 30, 2008

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

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□ NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT that an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON. one of the judges of the within named Court, at 20 M. Dated,

Yours, etc.,

WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP